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The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith (U.S. Patent No. 6,264,200). The Examiner has rejected claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Peterson (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0054873). Claims 1, 10 and 11 have been amended to better define the invention over the prior art. As amended independent claims 1 and 11 are believed to be distinguishable from the prior art, it follows that dependent claims 2-10 and 12-20 are also distinguishable from the prior art.

"First specified rank" in claims 5, 6, 15 and 16 has antecedent basis in paragraph 0058 of the specification, in which it is disclosed that 9 low is the highest rank for which there is a payoff. "Second specified rank" in claims 6 and 16 has antecedent basis in paragraph 0058 in which it is disclosed that the players must bet on 5 low and above. "Credit or currency amount" in claim 10 is disclosed as to X and Y in the first

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sentence of paragraph 0059 and as to Z in the fourth sentence of paragraph 0059.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. New FIGS. 4 and 5 have been added to illustrate the steps in the method of playing the game that is the subject of the invention. FIG. 4 illustrates the first preferred embodiment of claims 21-30. FIG. 5 illustrates the second preferred embodiment of claims 31-40. FIGS. 4 and 5 are amended in this supplemental amendment to include reference numbers.

New paragraphs describing FIGS. 4 and 5 have been added to the Brief Description of the Drawings. The paragraphs of the specification numbered 0058, 0059, 0060 and 0061 have been amended to add references to the reference numbers added to the drawings. Changes made in the earlier amendment to the specification have been included in this supplemental amendment for the convenience of the Examiner. The paragraphs of the specification numbered 0009, 0011, 0023, 0038, 0046, 0057, 0058 and 0061 have been amended to add apostrophes that were inadvertently lost in the conversion of the application to a form

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that could be filed electronically. Paragraph 0041 of the specification has been amended to correct an error in capitalization.

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S U M M A R Y

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition to be passed to issue. If such is not the case, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number given below in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Figures 4 and 5 are added, to appear as shown on the sheets attached to the end of this amendment, to illustrate the steps in the claimed method. Figures 4 and 5 are amended in this supplemental amendment, by the addition of reference numbers.